

July 2, 2002

Honorable F. E. Thompson Jr., M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer
570 East Woodrow Wilson
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Jackson, Mississippi 39215

Dear Dr. Thompson:

We have determined that your State's application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be conditionally approved. Therefore, I am enclosing your State's Part C grant award.

The conditional approval is based on our review and acceptance of the State Department of Health (SDOH) Part C application for FY 2002, including:

1. those portions of the State's existing Part C application on file with the Secretary that remain in effect;
2. the assurance from SDOH that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect; and
3. the July 1, 2002 assurance from SDOH to the Office of Special Education Programs, in which SDOH assures that, by September 1, 2002, it will take steps necessary to complete revisions to its application to conform it to the requirements of Part C, specifically to revise the description of the use of Part C funds for direct services to comply with 34 CFR 303.145(d)(2).

Part III of the FY02 application for Part C funds requested updated information about each State's restricted indirect cost rate. Based on that form, it is our understanding that you not charging indirect costs to the Part C program. By accepting Part C funds, your agency (as the Lead Agency designated under Part C) is agreeing not to charge indirect cost rates to the Part C program.

The enclosed grant award for FY 2002 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application and appendices, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

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We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Lee
Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Roy Hart
Part C Coordinator